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Noise In Shows
Kids Not Rowdier, Just More of Them, Says Showman Jack Dabbs

Reports of noise, vandalism and rowdiness in theaters, and a possible PTA campaign against such actions of juveniles, were viewed dimly yesterday by Jack Dabbs, manager of M&M Enterprises.

Dabbs said that he didn't think such a campaign would succeed until "the day every child comes (to the show) with both parents. Then I think a campaign would do some good."

"The people who complain today about noise and juvenileism in theaters are the same ones who, 12 or 15 years ago, were making the noise."

"The situation hasn't changed, and neither have the youngsters. They make the same amount of noise they used to, except now there are more of them coming to the theater."

90 Per Cent Youths
Dabbs said that where 25 per cent of the audience used to be youngsters, today's percentage runs close to 90, especially on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.

The incidents of noisiness, rowdiness and malicious mischief (such as throwing empty popcorn boxes, carving initials in seats and yelling to a friend across the darkened movie house) have increased proportionately.

The furor was touched off by a story out of Los Angeles that the California Congress of Parents and Teachers was

concerned over the "rowdy-like" behavior of youths attending theaters and offered a few points of guidance for parents.

Mrs. Victor Benard, president of the Torrance Council, P.T.A., referred queries to Mrs. J. E. Dowsing Jr., safety and recreation chairman for the council.

Benard said she had heard complaints about such instances, but couldn't put her finger on a cure.

Parents Go, Too

Mrs. Dowsing suggested that children be accompanied to the show by parents, adding that she took her younger ones to matinees when they attended.

There was one instance, she recalled, when she and one other mother were the only parents to go to a matinee.

Her teenage daughter, when asked, said there were no "rowdy" disturbances she had noted, and that she thought the young crowd was well-behaved.

Mrs. Dowsing suggested that theater managers include in their film offerings educational pictures such as the one recently released by the National Safety Council on the proper method of bicycle riding.

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Demos Slate Meeting Here

Torrance Democrats, Inc., will meet Sunday, Dec. 14, at 12 noon in the CIO Union Hall, 1316 Border Ave., it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Irene E. Fraser, secretary of the group.

Harry Gershon, past president of the Young Democrats, will be a guest speaker. He will speak on "The need to maintain an active local club throughout the year," Mrs. Fraser reports. The meeting is open to the public.



COOL COMFORT . . . This 1953 Ford Crestline Sunliner with its smart open-car styling is available in 12 new colors ranging from coral flame red to raven black. With its "Breeze-way" top up, the Sunliner provides the weather-tight comfort of a sedan. Two-tone leather and vinyl seats blend with inside paneling and harmonize with outside colors.

Ford Motors Present 50th Anniversary Car

The 1953 Ford—marking the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Co.—will go on display tomorrow in the Torrance showrooms of Schultz and Peckham, 1420 Cabrillo Ave. The new models will be introduced without any increase in present prices.

Schultz and Peckham will have 10 brand new cars on their floor tomorrow and will be ready to make immediate delivery. They invite the public to come in and ask for a demonstration of the "Miracle Ride." By the time the public gets in to see the new cars, the showrooms will be completely redecorated.



NEW FRONT . . . Ford's new grille for the 1953 line features a center spinner and a low road-hugging look. Oblong parking lights are set low to enable the streamlined center bar to wrap around the front fenders and add to the lower, wider appearance.

College Grads Told of Navy Officer Program

College seniors and graduate students are reminded that the Navy Officer Candidate Program is open to all physically qualified men who possess any four year college degree or, who will receive their degree within 120 days from date of application.

Commander W. K. Stow Jr., officer in charge of the Office of Naval Officer Procurement at 751 South Figueroa St. in Los Angeles, announced yesterday that in addition to the general line program, many special appointments are available. Some of these are civil engineering, aeronautical engineering, aviation electronics, supply, and many others.

Basic qualifications in addition to a degree are that applicants must be between 19 and 27 years of age, a male citizen of the United States and must not have received his Selective Service order to report for induction.

Selected applicants are sent to the Officer Candidate School for 120 days indoctrination period and upon completion, are commissioned Ensigns, U.S.N.R.

Commander Stow said that interested eligible applicants should apply as soon as possible, as processing takes at least 90 days and applicants who delay are too often rendered ineligible by existing Federal legislation.

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Emphasizing the longer look of the 1953 Ford is a new chrome molding through the center of the rear fenderline and new jet-tube tail lights with a larger signal area, more easily seen from the side or rear. A decorative chrome deck lid handle, mounted below the Ford crest, with a concealed, weather-protected key-opening and key spring return, has been added to the new model. The new hub caps feature the Ford name in embossed letters.

The 1953 Fords are available in the following models: Mainline; Tudor and Fordor sedans, business coupe and two-door Ranchwagon; Customline;

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